



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

### November 2007

*The Ph.D. Program in Public Policy presents this “For Your Information” communiqué noting upcoming conferences, workshops, meetings, grant deadlines, scholarship and internship opportunities, job openings, lectures, etc.*

### UMASS BOSTON GRADUATE STUDIES SHOWCASE

Please refer your friends and colleagues interested in the fields of public policy and public affairs to attend our **Open House on Tuesday evening, November 13th from 4-7:30 PM** in the Campus Center ballroom, third floor.

Faculty, alumni and student volunteers are most welcomed to staff the table with our Assistant Director. Please contact Barb for details: [barbara.graceffa@umb.edu](mailto:barbara.graceffa@umb.edu) or 617-287-6937. [Even an hour or two would be very appreciated!]

### STUDENT AND ALUMNI NOTES

Congrats to first year student **D’Juan Hopewell** on his recent engagement. His bride-to-be will be moving to Boston soon and planning their March break wedding.

Congrats to **Mandira Kala and Nicole Lavan** who have named their dissertation committees and will defend their proposals later this semester.

### DISSERTATION PROPOSAL HEARINGS

Join us on Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM for Mandira’s presentation, “Democratizing Policy Making in India: Examining the Role of Participatory and Deliberative Processes in Advancing Human Capabilities and Freedoms”.

On Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon, please join us for Nicole Lavan’s presentation, “High Staked Out: Examining the Role of School Reform Efforts on Students Leaving High School and Their Experiences in Alternative and GED Programs”.

Abstracts will be forthcoming shortly. Both hearings will take place in the PP conference room, M3-412.

Kudos to **Mandira Kala, Nicole Lavan and Jennifer Shea** for sharing their insights (and survival tips!) with our 2007 cohort at a recent First Year Advising Seminar held in late October.

A special thanks to **David Nieto** for volunteering for the University's Open House last month of Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Many prospective students were very eager to chat with him and most pleased that he was available that day.

Representing the Graduate Student Assembly, David Nieto will also take part in the Chancellor Motley's inauguration on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Public Policy Forum has chosen **Rebecca Moryl** to represent the student body on the Program's Academic Affairs Committee.

**Jennifer Shea** will serve as the student member on the Faculty Search Committee for the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs.

## **FACULTY AND STUDENT COLLABORATIONS**

On October 31, **Donna Haig Friedman, Randy Albelda, and Jennifer Shea**, from the Center on Social Policy, made an impressive presentation with the Lt. Governor, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, and a number of key administration executives and legislators, of the results of their report called, "Bridging the Gaps Between Earnings and Basic Needs in Massachusetts." All of the policy makers were deeply impressed with the data and repeatedly expressed appreciation for CSP supplying the tools necessary to justify the changes in policy that need to be made. And the report led the Globe editorial page the following morning.

## **FACULTY NEWS**

**Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews** will deliver the Massachusetts economic forecast at this fall's NEEP (New England Economic Project) Conference.

**Professor Ramon Borges-Mendez** was an invited lecturer at the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tufts University Civic Engagement Research lecturing on "Civic Engagement by Latinos and Local Development Organizations in Holyoke and Lawrence, MA: Facing Patronage and Policy Devolution".

**Department Chair Connie Chan** attended the World Special Olympics in China last month and presented her research on China's public attitudes toward individuals with intellectual disabilities. Her research was conducted in collaboration with UMass Boston's Center for Social Development.

**Dr. Chan** will moderate the Women's Research Forum later this month sponsored by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. This year's theme is "Quality and Equity in Mental Health Services for Women and families of Color".

A special thanks to our McCormack colleague **Dr. Francoise Carre**, the Research Director at the Center for Social Policy, who presented "Research Careers with your

Public Policy PhD" at our November First Mondays lunch seminar. The session was well attended and received lots of positive feedback from students.

**David Levy** offered the keynote address to United Nations Ambassadors and others at a working retreat on climate change help at Stony Brook University in New York. The retreat, organized by the Delegation of the European Commission to the United Nations and the Alliance of Small Island States, was focused on the corporate strategic response to climate change.

**Christian Weller** was quoted in a *Washington Post* front-page story, "Area Leads Nation in Putting Off Retirement," on September 12, in a September 16 *New York Post* story, "Consuming Fire," on the economy, and in *Builder* magazine in a story about a cut in the federal funds target rate.

### **POLITICAL ECONOMY LECTURE SERIES**

Co-sponsored by the Departments of Economics and Political Science, the Public Policy Program is pleased to announce the first two lectures this academic year:

On November 28 at 11:30 AM, Professor Chris Tilly from UMass Lowell's Department of Regional Economic and Social Development will lecture on "**Wal-Mart in the World: Different Strategies in Different Countries**". Location: M3-415

On December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM, Dr. Almoor Ebrahim from the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations and Harvard University's JFK School of Government will lecture on "**The World Bank and Democratic Accountability**". Location: M3-415

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

(full listings posted in the Public Policy suite)

**The German Marshall Fund invites individual applications for the 2008 Manfred Wörner Seminar** from Americans between 25 and 35 years of age at the time of travel who have an outstanding record of achievement in their profession. The seminar is designed to examine German and European Security Policy and discuss common U.S.-German and U.S.-European security interests. It brings talented young American professionals to Europe to meet with their German counterparts and promote close personal contact between them. Candidates typically come from national or local governments, the media, business, and the nonprofit sector. The next seminar will take place from May 1-11, 2008. The deadline for applications is Friday, January 25, 2008.

If you have further questions about the seminar, please contact Nicola Lightner, Program Officer, at [nlightner@gmfus.org](mailto:nlightner@gmfus.org) or 202 745 6685.

**Free exam copy for dissertation students:** *Preparing Literature Reviews: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches (Third Edition)*

*Preparing Literature Reviews* shows students how to synthesize literature using both qualitative and quantitative approaches. All major steps are profusely illustrated with examples. Students will learn both the art and science of writing effective literature reviews. For a detailed description and to request a complimentary examination copy, go to [www.Pyrczak.com](http://www.Pyrczak.com) <<http://pull.xmr3.com/p/1064-F30B/81649794/http-www.Pyrczak.com.html>>. Note that they have a no-strings-attached examination copy policy. You are under no obligation to purchase or return the book.

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## ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

**UMB's Healey Library now offers free, Drop-In Research Clinics.** Library staff will assist [students](#) with effective searching, PowerPoint tips, or RefWorks.

### **Chancellor Motley's Inauguration**

On Thursday, November 8, the inauguration celebration will begin with a Student Welcome Ceremony for Dr. Motley at 1:00 p.m., in the Campus Center Ballroom. It will be followed by a panel discussion on "Strengthening the Educational Pipeline: K-16" at 4:00 p.m., also in the Campus Center Ballroom, which is open to the UMass Boston community.

On Friday, November 9, the inauguration will be at 11:00 a.m. at the Clark Athletic Center. A reception will immediately follow the inaugural.

On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1-3 PM, the PhD Program in Public Policy will conduct a **Mock Job Talk** with *Professor-to-be* Jennifer Shea and would like to open up this event to all students interested in a career in academia. Jennifer is currently completing her dissertation and on the job market for a faculty position for next year. We will have Jennifer present her dissertation research in 20-30 minutes, and that will be followed by the faculty's questions, which will then be followed by questions from the broader audience.

Kudos to Professors Connie Chan, Elizabeth Bussiere and Randy Albelda for organizing this professional development activity. The interview will take place in our PP conference room, M-3-412; refreshments will be served.

Stay tuned: We are planning additional Mock Interviews for early next semester.

On Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-2:30 PM, the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy is sponsoring the lecture by Rosa Maria Castenada, Research Associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC,

**“Paying the Price: The Impact of Immigration Raids on Children and Families.”**

The event will take place in the Campus Center Conference Room UL-211.

The Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs will feature *Boston Globe* columnist and Public Affairs visiting lecturer, Sean Murphy speaking on "**The Commonwealth's Big Gamble: History and Implications of Indian Casinos in New England**". The Boston Globe lecture will take place on Wednesday evening November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM in the Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd floor.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM, the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration and the MPA Program at Northeastern co-sponsor an event, **Challenges for a New Governor: A First Year Review of the Patrick Administration**. The event takes place in Behrakis Hall and is free of charge. Light refreshments will be served. For more information please visit <http://www.massspa.org>.

On Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 2 PM on the 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Healey Library (The Old University Club), the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies is sponsoring a guest lecture, "**Nation Building: What we know and what we don't**" by Andrew S. Natsios, President's Special Envoy for Sudan and Georgetown University Distinguished Professor in the Practice of Diplomacy and Advisor on International Development.

On November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 PM, the PhD in Nursing Program hosts a Distinguished Scholar Lecture, "**Global Health: Views on Demography, Social Policy and Nursing**" with Patrice Nicholas, Director of Global Health & Academic Partnerships at Brigham & Women's Hospital Center for Nursing Excellence. The event takes place in the Campus Center 3rd Floor Ballroom (room 3550A).

**UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy** hosts the annual **Women's Research Forum** on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:30 PM. This year's theme is "Quality and Equity in Mental Health Services for Women and families of Color". Presenters include Esther Shapiro and Celeste Atallah-Gutierrez. *Our own Connie Chan will moderate*. The event will take place in the Chancellor's Conference Room on the third floor of the Quinn Administration Building.

**The 9th International Student Symposium** commences on January 6, 2008. The symposium is intended to inspire today's youth to reach their full leadership and communicative potential in the area of international relations. The conference employs a multidisciplinary approach towards this goal encompassing the study of political science, international affairs and intercultural communication.

The conference will feature distinguished international experts on global issues and visits to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Czech Parliament and selected foreign embassies in Prague. The UN crisis simulation and International Tribunal Criminal Court will provide your students with the rare and invaluable opportunity to debate and assess

specific topics dealing with democracy, nationalism, military activities, peace negotiation, European integration and human rights.

For further information about the application process and the conference, please visit the conference website at [www.student-symposium.com](http://www.student-symposium.com).

## **CALL FOR PAPERS AND PROPOSALS**

**The New England Political Science Association** is putting out a general call for papers for its 2008 annual meeting to be held April 25-26 in Providence, RI. For complete details, see [http://www.neu.edu/nepsa/documents/NEPSA\\_2008\\_call\\_for\\_papers.pdf](http://www.neu.edu/nepsa/documents/NEPSA_2008_call_for_papers.pdf)

**The *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy (HJHP)*** is currently seeking submissions for its 20th Volume. The *HJHP* is a non-partisan scholarly review published annually at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Articles and commentaries should explore the relationship between policymaking as it relates to the political, social and economic environment affecting Latinos in the United States. Book reviews should critically assess a book of importance to the Latino community. For more information on submission guidelines: <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/kssgorg/hjhp>

**The *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy*** is a student-run publication that facilitates informed public policy decision-making processes by providing sound, innovative analyses of and solutions to the problems facing the African American community. They are currently accepting submissions for Volume XIV to be published summer 2008.

They are interested in manuscripts that emphasize the relationship between policy making and the political, social, and economic environments affecting African Americans in the United States. Suggested topic areas and other pressing issues to consider include, but are not limited to: environment/climate change/ "green" initiatives affecting minority communities; education; individual/social responsibility; health care; activism; class dynamics; gender; and criminal justice. In addition to articles, the journal welcomes essays, lectures, speeches, community-based initiative profiles, symposia, position papers, interviews, and book reviews. The deadline for submission is November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact the editor-in-chief with any questions, (617) 496-8655 or e-mail: [hjaap@ksg.harvard.edu](mailto:hjaap@ksg.harvard.edu). Their website is [www.ksg.harvard.edu/HJAAP](http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/HJAAP).

**The Center for the Improvement of Teaching** at the University of Massachusetts Boston is having its Annual Conference on **Teaching for Transformation** on Friday, January 25, 2008! For more information, please contact [anna.tsui@umb.edu](mailto:anna.tsui@umb.edu) or call 617-287-6509.

From April 11-13, 2008, **Knowledge Globalization** will hold its Annual Conference in Boston. Next year's theme is "**Knowledge Globalization: Challenges and Opportunities from Organizational Perspectives**". The conference is hosted by

Suffolk University's Sawyer Business School and organized by the *Journal of Knowledge Globalization*. For more info: <http://www.kglobal.org/conference08.html>

You are invited to present your research and share your knowledge at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the **Association of American Geographers** in Boston (April 15-19 Marriott Copley Place and Westin Copley Place Hotels). Register and submit your abstracts on-line at [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org).

#### **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY** (full listing posted in the Public Policy suite)

The California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is seeking applications for its summer internships. The LAO operates a 12-week summer internship program that provides a rigorous analytical experience for individuals who have completed the first year of a two-year graduate program that provides both a quantitative and policy analytical curriculum and are interested in becoming a full-time FPA after graduation. The internship pays \$2,650 per month. More info at: [www.lao.ca.gov/job\\_announcements/summer\\_internship\\_2008.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/job_announcements/summer_internship_2008.aspx).

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES** (full listings posted in the Public Policy suite)

California State University, Chico is accepting applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor in the field of Public Administration.

The California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) is seeking applications for its Fiscal and Policy Analyst position. Policy areas are: economics, revenue and taxation; local government; health; social services; education; business, transportation and housing; resources and environmental protection; criminal justice; and state administration. Visit: [http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/Careers/job\\_announcements/general\\_job\\_info.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/Careers/job_announcements/general_job_info.aspx).

#### **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** (full listings posted in the Public Policy suite)

**The 2008 Rappaport Summer Public Policy Fellows Program** provides a paid (\$7,000) summer fellowship to 12 graduate students at local colleges and universities who will be continuing their studies in the 2008-2009 academic year in policy-related fields. While the Institute pays the students, they actually work on specific projects for state and local officials in the region. The Institute's staff helps arrange placements and provides ongoing guidance and supervision throughout the summer. Students also participate in - and help design - a weekly seminar series that features expert practitioners and scholars discussing important issues in the region. Many former fellows have gone to work for state and local governments in the region as well as for non-profit entities that work closely with state and local governments. If you have any questions, please call 617-495-5091 or email [paulina\\_obrien@ksg.harvard.edu](mailto:paulina_obrien@ksg.harvard.edu).

**The Feminism and Legal Theory Project at Emory University Law School is launching a Vulnerable Populations Project and invites applications for a one-year post-doctoral fellowship**, beginning fall, 2008. This fellowship is for someone interested in doing critical interdisciplinary scholarship on vulnerable populations.

Applicants must be either (i) recent PhDs; (ii) ABDs who will complete all requirements for the PhD by July 15, 2008; or (iii) JDs who receive their degrees within the past few years. The post-doctoral fellow, who will find a vibrant interdisciplinary Emory University community, will be formally affiliated with the Feminism and Legal Theory Project at Emory Law School. The teaching load is one seminar course per year on a topic related to vulnerable populations.

## **CONFERENCES, LECTURES, MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

It's time to register for the **New England Economic Project (NEEP) Fall Economic Outlook Conference! Back to the Future: Regaining New England's Competitiveness.** The conference happens on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston Auditorium.

Keynote Speaker: Martin T. Meehan, Chancellor, UMass Lowell

U.S. Forecast Presented by: Mark Zandi, Chief Economist, Moody's

*Massachusetts forecast presented by our own Alan Clayton-Matthews!*

*Special registration deal for students: \$10 registration fee including continental breakfast and lunch. Visit: <<http://www.neepecon.org/>>*

**The National Science Foundation**, and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth will be hosting a one-day workshop on Thursday, November 15, 2007 to provide an overview of the Foundation, its mission, priorities, and budget. It will cover the NSF proposal and merit review process and NSF programs that cut across disciplines. Additionally, representatives from the seven NSF directorates and the Office of International Science and Engineering will make presentations on their programs and will also be available individually and in breakout sessions for more specific discussions of potential research proposals.

There is a \$30.00 registration fee for this workshop, and pre-registration is required. As space is limited, please register early. A registration form is enclosed. You can register online at <http://www.atmc.umassd.edu/nsf.cfm>. The workshop will be held at UMass Dartmouth's Advanced Technology and Manufacturing Center, 151 Martine Street, Fall River, Massachusetts. Information and directions to the conference center are available at [http://www.atmc.umassd.edu/conference\\_center/overview.cfm](http://www.atmc.umassd.edu/conference_center/overview.cfm).

Harvard University Safra Foundation Center for Ethics: Public Lectures 2007-2008

**November 8**

*Thursday*

*4:30 pm*

**Richard Holton**

*Professor of Philosophy, MIT*

**"What Does Empirical Research on Moral Intuitions Tell Us About Morality?"**

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**December 6**

*Thursday*

*4:30 pm*

**Barbara Fried**

*Saunders Professor of Law, Stanford University*

**"Is There a Coherent Alternative to Cost-Benefit Analysis?"**

Lectures are free and open to the public: no ticket required.

Please visit [www.ethics.harvard.edu](http://www.ethics.harvard.edu) for a full listing of this year's events.

### **SNOW AND WEATHER EMERGENCIES**

In the event that a snowstorm or other inclement weather presents a risk to our faculty, staff, students, and visitors in commuting to or from the campus, the Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance will make a determination of the appropriate campus response.

The closing of the campus is a procedure that differs depending on the timing of the decision to close and the expected length and severity of the severe weather. The essential factor in the decision is the safety of our commuting faculty, staff, students, and visitors. However, severe weather affecting only a limited number of commuters generally will not result in a campus closing.

Please do not call the Office of Public Safety as their lines must remain open in the event of an emergency. Announcements will be made at the following venues:

University Website – The bulletin board at the UMB website will contain weather announcements. The UMB internet address is <http://www.umb.edu>.

UMB Main Switchboard number (617) 287-5000 – will carry a voicemail announcement which notifies callers if the campus will be open for operation.

Radio and Television Stations - will carry UMB announcements starting at 5:30 a.m. Following is a list of stations that will carry this message.

*WBZ AM (1030), WUMB FM (91.9), WRKO AM (680),  
NECN, WBZ TV (channel 4), WCVB (5), WHDH (7), FOX (25)*



## FALL 2007 ACADEMIC CALENDAR & PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS

November 8 (Thursday)	Course Withdraw Deadline
November 12 (Monday)	Holiday/No school (Veteran's Day)
November 13 (Tuesday)	First Year Advising Meeting/Lunch, 11:30 AM Public Policy suite, M-3-415
November 13 (Tuesday)	Public Policy Professional Development Activity: Mock Job Talk with Jennifer Shea 1-3 PM, Public Policy Conference Room, M3-412
November 13 (Tuesday)	Graduate Studies Showcase 4-7:30 PM Campus Center Ballroom, third floor
November 14 (Wednesday)	Inaugural <i>Boston Globe</i> lecture by Sean Murphy: "The Commonwealth's Big Gamble: History and Implications of Indian Casinos in New England", 5:30-7:30 PM, CC-2-Alumni Lounge
November 22 to 25 (Thursday to Sunday)	Thanksgiving Recess
November 26 (Monday)	Classes Resume
November 26 (Monday)	Dissertation Proposal Hearing: Mandira Kala 4 PM, Public Policy Conference Room, M3-412
November 28 (Wednesday)	Political Economy Guest Lecture by Chris Tilly 11:30 AM, Public Policy Classroom, M3-415
November 28 (Wednesday)	Women's Research Forum
November 30 (Friday)	Conditional Pass Quantitative Exam rewrites due to Barb by 4 PM
December 3 (Monday)	First Monday lunch seminar 11:30 AM, Meet Invited guests: UMB Professors John Duff and Erin O'Brien, PP lobby (M-3)

December 4 (Tuesday)	Dissertation Proposal Hearing: Nicole Lavan 12 Noon, Public Policy Conference Room, M3-412
December 6 (Thursday)	Political Economy Guest lecture by Almoor Ebrahim 3:30 PM, Public Policy Classroom, M3-415
December 10-14	Classes End
December 17 to 21 (Monday to Friday)	Final Exam Period
December 22 (Saturday)	Snow Day

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<p><b>To share news items for future issues of FYI, email <a href="mailto:barbara.graceffa@umb.edu">barbara.graceffa@umb.edu</a></b></p>
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Please help us with the future success and growth of our Ph.D. Program by recommending a friend, family member, undergraduate or master's degree student, or colleague. You can send, fax or email this information to Assistant Director who will immediately follow up with the person(s) of your choice. Thank you in advance for your recommendation.

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